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Senator Ben Nelson
United States Senate
720 Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

The Lancaster county Board of commissioners supports the Child Advocacy Center's application for federally appropriated earmark dollars to support their expanded facility in Northeast Lincoln.

For the past 11 years, the Child Advocacy Center has been a model in interagency collaboration in the investigation of child abuse cases. On a daily basis, the Center works closely with law enforcement, protection and safety, medical and mental health providers to provide direct services to child victims of abuse and their non-offending family members. The Center actively assists in the investigation and prosecution of these very difficult cases by providing forensic interviews and medical evaluations, as well as ongoing support to the family. Over the past 11 years, the Center has served over 5,250 unduplicated child victims of abuse – mostly sexual abuse.

The Child Advocacy Center has outgrown their little yellow house in Antelope Park and is building an expanded facility in Northeast Lincoln. They have successfully raised over \$2,000,000 privately in the community and are requesting additional federal dollars from the Department of Justice to purchase equipment for the new facility.

The Lancaster County Board has worked in close partnership with the Child Advocacy Center and support this application for funding. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ray Stevens", is written over a circular embossed seal. The seal is partially visible beneath the signature.

Ray Stevens, Vice Chair
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

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